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VALUES OF CROPS FOR YEAR OF 1915 SET NEW RECORD

Estimates Are Placed at Nearly Six Billion Dollars.

Corn and Wheat Crops Most Valuable Ever Raised.

FINAL ESTIMATES FOR YEAR

Department Agriculture Bases Figures on Dec. 1 Prices.

More Than Billion Dollar Increase Over Last Year.

Washington, Dec. 15.—This year's principal farm crops were worth \$6,454,723,000 at December 1 farm prices, the department announced today in its final estimate and review of crop production and values.

That compares with \$4,975,547,000 last year, \$4,968,497,000 in 1913 and \$4,757,458,000 in 1912.

With the wheat crop passing the billion-dollar mark for the first time in the nation's history, corn production reaching a three billion bushel total for the second time, and record crops of oats, barley, rye, sweet potatoes, hay and rice, the year has been an extraordinary one for farming.

Prices paid farmers for some crops have been higher than in other years because of the European war and as a result the value of some of the crops is the largest ever recorded.

Individual Values.

The value this year of each crop, based on its farm price on December 1, with last year's value, the record value of each crop, and the year it was produced, is announced as follows:

Crop 1915 1914 Record value Year.

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GERMANS SHOOT DOWN 4 ALLIED AIRSHIPS; AIRMEN BLAST ENGLISH STEAMER; SERBS PURSUED FARTHER

Berlin, Dec. 15.—Four allied aeroplanes, including one battle plane with two motors, were brought down by German anti-aircraft guns, the war office announced today, during raids on Baginane and Peronne, in France and Mulheim Baden.

A successful attack on an English steamship was made by German aviators.

In the Balkan campaign the Serbians are being pursued farther. Southwest of Pleve, in northern Montenegro, they were driven across the Tara river and farther east, across the Grab-Brodovo line, several hundred prisoners were taken.

SHIPS FOR SOUTH

Daniels Says Prosperity Depends on Merchant Marine.

With Argosies, He Says, Must Go Adequate, Efficient Navy.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 15.—The south has a vital interest in maintaining an adequate navy, declared Joseph Daniels, secretary of the navy, in addressing the Southern Commercial congress here today.

"Not only has the south contributed to the lower class of the navy in the way of heroism and romance," he said, "but her interests are bound up in an adequate and efficient navy."

After pointing out that the south has suffered severely for lack of ships to carry her products across the seas during the present European war, Secretary Daniels said:

"The south can not raise cotton and tobacco if America is not to maintain a merchant marine, for the bulk of these crops must find their markets abroad."

"But along with a merchant marine the south must have a strong line of defense is indispensable in the shape of a well proportioned and adequate navy. The latter is ensured in the present five-year program, if the shipbuilding program is approved by the president in his recent address to congress."

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KEEP BIRDS APART

Belligerent Nationalities Show Up at Poultry Show.

Teutons and Allies Are Separated at the Auditorium.

CAN'T TELL WHAT WILL HAPPEN

"We Played Safe," Says President of State Federation.

Two Birds From West Indies Have No Feathers.

Militarism has crept into the show of the Kansas State Poultry Federation now being held at the city auditorium. And it's all because some German, Russian and French birds were entered. In order to keep peace in the show and be sure that the Christmas spirit now prevalent would not be shattered E. E. Heidt of Topeka, superintendent of the show, had the White Crested Black Polish fowls, a Russian breed, and the French Houdans cooped on the Silver Spangled Hamburgs, a German chicken, on the opposite side of the room.

"We don't know whether or not these chickens would take up the European war and scrap but we did not want to take any chances so we had them separated," explained George Buey of Cedar Vale, president of the state federation.

Birds From France.

Probably the most interesting birds on exhibition at the auditorium are in the flock of prize-winning capons brought from France. A traffic position poultry show by President Heidt. There are twenty birds in this flock and ten of them took first prizes in a cablegram received by the Mexican consulate here today.

The story is that the bandits had obtained money and valuables valued at \$1 million dollars, the last few weeks, and that most of it was recovered following the arrests.

For weeks, says the message, the bandits eluded arrest through the agency of forged warrants, which showed them to be army officers.

Two policemen were wounded during the battle which resulted in the arrest.

The gang is said to have been composed of thirteen men who had five women accomplices.

WILLARD SIGNS UP

Champion to Meet Fulton in New Orleans March 4.

He Will Get \$32,500, Win, Lose or Draw.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 15.—Articles of agreement binding Jess Willard, the world's heavyweight champion pugilist, to a match with Mike Collins, known as Fred Fulton of Rochester, Minn., for the world's championship title, were signed today.

Under the articles of agreement Willard is to receive \$32,500 win, lose or draw, and Fulton is to get \$1,500 with a provision that in lieu of the lump sum he can elect to take 15 per cent of the profits if he wins the fight.

The agreement makes the fight a 20 round championship contest to be fought before the New West Side Athletic club of New Orleans.

The agreement was signed by Tom Jones, for Jess Willard, Mike Collins, for Fulton, and Thomas S. Andrews of Milwaukee for the New Orleans Athletic club.

The referee will be chosen later.

RAIN OR SNOW TONIGHT

No Important Change in Temperature Is Expected Until Some Time Tomorrow.

The precipitation last night was .31 of an inch and a slight fall this morning brought the total to .92 of an inch. The morning was damp and disagreeable, with the temperature above freezing. A continuance of the sloppy weather is predicted, the forecast being for rain or snow tonight and Thursday, colder weather Thursday.

Little change in temperature is expected tonight. A continuing east wind in the state the number of pictures to be barred by censorship is to be doubled.

Bothin and Brewster to Rescue.

J. T. Bothin, secretary of state and a member of the state appeal board, stated this afternoon that so far as he knew, no ban had been placed on the Chaplin pictures. In fact, Bothin indicated a new phase in the S. M. Brewster, attorney general, were ready to make a fight for the Chaplin pictures and would not approve an order such as outlined by the state censor.

"We have never issued an order against Chaplin and so far as I know no such action is contemplated," Brewster said. "I will certainly not approve such a move. As for Brewster, well, I don't pretend to speak for him, but Charlie is Brewster's prize comedian and who ever talked about eliminating the Chaplin pictures, surely hadn't talked to Brewster about it."

TODAY IN CONGRESS

Washington, Dec. 15.—House.—Mr. Clegg's bill, Miscellaneous business considered. Ways and means committee submits majority report urging a year's extension emergency revenue law.

Senate.—In adjournment. Judiciary committee set Friday for hearing. Messrs. Clegg, Buchanan's impeachment charges against United States Attorney Marshall. Adjourned at 2:15 p. m. until noon Thursday.

All advertising copy for Friday's State Journal must be in this office by tomorrow evening.

Lansing Note of Protest Is Given French

Washington, Dec. 15.—Ambassador Sharp, at Paris, is expected to deliver to the French foreign office today the American note asking for the immediate release of the six German and Austrian recently removed by the French cruiser Descartes from the American steamship Carolina, Cosmo and San Juan.

The communication is an emphatic protest against the removal of the prisoners, which is regarded as in flagrant violation of American rights and without legal justification. President is cited in support of the American position.

The note was cable to Ambassador Sharp yesterday by Secretary Lansing after it had been approved by President Wilson and the cabinet.

Publication of the text of the communication will await notice in the French foreign office.

Session Is Thrown Into Turmoil by Denunciation.

GET BANDIT BAND

Police and Army Authorities Take Mexico City Gang.

Thieves, Masquerading as Military Officers, Steal Million.

Galveston, Texas, Dec. 15.—Police and military authorities in Mexico City have just arrested a band of bandits who have been masquerading as army officers.

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